

a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs for Cold Storages for non-horticulture produce and special type of cold storage with controlled atmosphere/modified atmosphere facility to all implementing agencies. A statement showing financial assistance released during the last three years, state-wise, for setting up cold storages under component - Integrated Cold Chain Facilities, is enclosed (see below). Cold storages, which are an integral part of processing units or part of common facilities in Food Parks are also assisted. As a part of the exercise for finalization of XI Five Year Plan, review/restructuring of present schemes including increased allocation of funds is under discussion with Planning Commission.

Statement

State-wise details of financial assistance scheme for setting up cold storages during last three years

Sl. No.	State	Financial assistance released (Rs. in Lakhs)		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	3.39	3.39
2.	Delhi	-	-	37.50
3.	Gujarat	-	3.40	22.075
4.	Haryana	-	14.345	-
5.	Maharashtra	-	-	75.00
6.	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	4.527
TOTAL		-	21.135	142.492

Grants to FPIs

†2729. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the scheme to provide grant to the food processing industries;

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- (b) if so, the comprehensive outlines of implementation of the scheme;
- (c) the names of organizations through which this grant is provided instead of providing directly to the industrial units; and
- (d) on what basis such organizations are selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of food processing units. Under the scheme, financial assistance is extended to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture, in difficult and high horticultural potential areas, assistance at still higher rates i.e. @ 50% upto Rs. 4 crore for promotion of new units and upto Rs. 1 crore for upgradation/modernization of units is available for processing of horticultural produce.

(c) and (d) The approved grant is released directly to the units through the Banks designated by these units themselves.

Machinery for food processing industries

2730. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any areas in the food processing for which machinery is not available in the country;
- (b) whether there has been any import of machinery from abroad for food processing industries hitherto unavailable in the country in the last two years;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken for improving the quality of food processing or covering new areas in the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?